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CREIGHTON PASSES PRO-LIFE TORT REFORM BILL

Senate Bill 25: PRO-LIFE TORT REFORM

Austin – Today, Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) made the following statement after the successful passage of Senate Bill 25:

"I authored this bill to recognize all lives are valuable and to take a stand for the most vulnerable in our communities," said Senator Creighton. "The true message this bill sends is a life is not an injury."

Based on legal precedent, doctors could be liable for monetary damages if they recognized abnormalities during pregnancy yet failed to advocate for termination. Under Texas law, this situation is termed "wrongful birth." Senate Bill 25 protects doctors from the legal pressure to recommend abortion and also maintains a patient's right to hold doctors responsible in any situation of negligence.

In addition to strong backing from 19 Senate coauthors, Senator Creighton's SB 25 also has support in the House of Representatives.

Representative Ron Simmons, who is carrying the House Companion bill, stated, "Senate Bill 25 and House Bill 434 are important steps to ensuring this prejudice ceases to exist in our legal code. I am proud to be working with Senator Creighton to advance legislation through both legislative bodies that will end such bias in our judicial systems."

If passed by both chambers, Texas would join nine other states who have eliminated the wrongful birth cause of action including Arizona, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

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Senator Brandon Creighton represents Senate District 4, which encompasses Chambers, Jefferson and parts of Montgomery, Harris and Galveston Counties.